

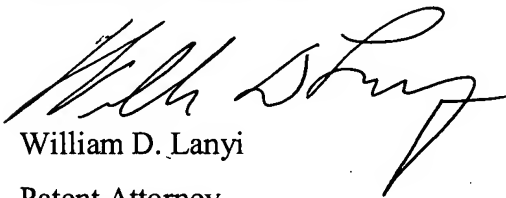
**REMARKS**

In the Official Action mailed on October 15, 2004, the Examiner has allowed claims 22, 24, 25 and 27 – 31. The Examiner has objected to claims 8 – 10, 12 – 14 and 19 – 21. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 15, 16 and 18.

In order to expedite the prosecution of the subject patent application, applicant has canceled all claims that have not been expressly allowed by Examiner. These changes are shown above.

In view of the above discussion and in further view of the changes made to the remaining claims of the subject patent application, applicant respectfully requests Examiner's reconsideration of the subject patent application and expeditious allowance of claims 22, 24, 25, and 27 – 31.

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